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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Activities of the 308th Arty Brig in Gera

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1. At 1800 on 21 July 1955, a column entered the Reuss Kaserne (8141) in Gera from the direction of Langenberg. It consisted of 12 YA-12 armored scout cars towing 12 presumably 122-mm field guns, 1 jeep, 6 trucks, 2 trucks, each towing a field kitchen, and 2 ambulances. The vehicles carried some 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. ¹

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2. In the morning of 25 July, 5 prime movers, each towing a 100-mm AT gun, left the installation and went toward Milbitz. The column returned at about 1500. On 26 July, 16 x 152-mm gun howitzers and 24 x 100-mm AT guns were seen in the ~~trucks~~ yard. Five hundred soldiers had fallen in for an inspection.

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3. On 28 July, ammunition was shipped to the station by trucks while 3 small guns of an undetermined type were being loaded. It was learned that during the night of 27/28 July, 8 x 152-mm gun howitzers had been entrained. The following loadings were observed on 29 July: 1830. Twelve 152-mm gun howitzers, 16 prime movers, 8 trucks and 1 ambulance. 2115. Eight 100-mm AT guns, 4 guns with protective shields and barrels about 2 meters long, with an estimated caliber of 80 mm, 10 trucks, 1 ambulance, 1 radio truck and 1 field kitchen. Each prime mover carried 8 to 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and each truck carried 10 to 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. ³

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1. Comment. While only individual prime movers with guns of the 308th Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps had so far been seen en route to and from the Reuss Kaserne, an entire battalion could be observed entering the installation, according to the present report. The battalion presumably returned from the Zeitz Forest.

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2.  Comment. All motor vehicle numbers belong to the 308th Arty Brig.

3.  Comment. The bulk of the brigade was transferred, presumably to Altengrabow. It is believed that not all loadings were observed.

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